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SUBJECT: ITU ADMIN COUNCIL: FIRST WEEK: SITREP 2

REF: (A) GENEVA 4052, (B) GENEVA 4128, (C) GENEVA 4123

1. SUMMARY: THE FIRST WEEK OF THE ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO THE REVIEW OF ROUTINE INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE WEINSTEIN REPORT CONCERNING STAFF REGRADING INDICATES EVENTUAL APPROVAL WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. THE MOST WORRISOME TOPIC INTRODUCED TO DATE CONCERNS THE SUGGESTION MADE BY SEVERAL LDC DELEGATIONS THAT ITU REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA) BE FINANCED FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET, NOW THAT THE UNDP IS WITHDRAWING ITS FUNDING. END SUMMARY

2. PLENARY:

A. THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS (ITALY, LEBANON AND CAMEROONS) WERE ADVISED THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE UNDER PARA 156 OF THE MALAGA/TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION BECAUSE THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT RATIFIED THE CONVENTION. ALL THREE PROMISED PROMPT ACTION TO
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REMEDY THE SITUATION AND CONTINUED TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL DEBATES.

B. THE COUNCIL EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED THE REASONS FOR POOR ATTENDANCE AT THE NUMEROUS MEETINGS OF THE CCI STUDY GROUPS IN WHICH ONLY ABOUT 30 OF THE 152 MEMBERS REGULARLY PARTICIPATE. LDCS PROPOSED HOLDING MORE

MEETINGS IN DEVELOPING WORLD. THE USREP PROPOSED A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE QUESTION AND 15 MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED TO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THE CCIS.

3. COMMITTEE ONE (FINANCE): CONSIDERED AND NOTED ROUTINE FINANCIAL REPORTS, 1978 BUDGET WILL BE CONSIDERED NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMITTEE TWO (PERSONNEL):

A. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION REGRADING PLAN (WEINSTEIN REPORT DOC. 5022) WAS LIMITED TO ITS GENERAL METHODOLOGY AND WAS MOSTLY FAVORABLE. EASTERN EUROPEAN OPPOSITION WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED TO THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. MOST DELEGATES SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR A GENERAL REGRADING PLAN AND THE DIFFICULTY, IF NOT IMPOSSIBILITY, OF THE COUNCIL MAKING EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN SUCH PLAN.

B. USSR AND ALLIES EXPRESSED THEIR ANNUAL COMPLAINT OVER AN ALLEGED LACK OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION IN ITU STAFFING, NOTING THAT ONLY 37 OF 152 MEMBERS WERE REPRESENTED ON STAFF (TEN OF 148 ITU OFFICIALS ARE FROM EASTERN EUROPE). SOVIETS EXPRESSED INTENTION TO PURSUE THE MATTER AT THE NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE.

5. COMMITTEE THREE (TECHNICAL COOPERATION): FOR FULL REPORT, SEE REF B.
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6. SORKING GROUP B (RADIO CONFERENCES): SEE REF C.
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